

COMMON COUNCIL  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
JANUARY 20, 2004

- I. Mayor Fred Armstrong called a regular meeting of the City Common Council to order at Approximately 7:00 P.M.
  - A. Opening Prayer was by Pastor Mike Malinski from
  - B. Pledge – The Mayor led the Pledge of Allegiance.
  - C. Roll Call: Present: John Brown, George Dutro, Craig Hawes, Ann Devore, Rob Kittle, Martha Myers, August Tindell . Absent: None
  - D. Acceptance of Minutes from the previous meeting – Martha Myers moved to Approve the minutes from the last meeting and Ann Devore seconded. Motion passed by a vote of 7 to 0.
- II. Unfinished Business Requiring Council Action
  - A. Second reading was given to an Ordinance entitled “ORDINANCE NO. 5, 2004, ORDINANCE VACATING PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY. Roger Hunt, Planning Director stated that this is second reading of this Ordinance. There was no further discussion from the audience or Council. George Dutro moved for passage and Craig Hawes seconded. Ordinance passed by a vote of 7 to 0.
  - B. Second reading was given to an Ordinance entitled “ORDINANCE NO.\_\_\_\_, 2004, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING MAP, A PART O TITLE 17 (THE ZONING ORDINANCE) OF THE CODE OF LAWS OF COLUMBUS, INDIANA TO REZONE APPROXIMATELY 3 ACRES OF PROPERTY, LOCATED ON THE NORTHEAST BANK OF THE EAST FORK OF THE WHITE RIVER, SOUTH OF THE 2<sup>ND</sup> STREET BRIDGE, NEAR THE INTERSECTION OF BROWN AND WATER STREETS, FROM SU-11 PUBLIC BUILDINGS AND USES AND I-2 (MEDIUM INDUSTRIAL) TO B-3 (CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT).” Roger Hunt explained that this is the second reading of an Ordinance to rezone property owned by the city south of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Street Bridge. He stated that the zoning Ordinance is being rewritten and that allowing a new zoning district for that waterfront area will be better accommodating than B-3. Roger Hunt recommended denying this Ordinance without prejudice. George Dutro stated that the Council has three choices, approve, deny, or remand to Plan Commission. Roger Hunt stated that if Council does not act within 90 days after Certified to them, then Plan Commission recommendation stands. Councilman Brown stated that he wants to make sure that this property remains for public use. After much discussion, George Dutro moved to remand back to the Plan Commission. John Brown seconded. Motion passed by a vote of 5 to 2.
- III. New Business Requiring Council Action
  - A. Reading was given to a Resolution entitled “RESOLUTION NO. 3, 2004, RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND THE CLERK-TREASURER TO EXECUTE STATEMENT OF BENEFIT FORMS IN CONJUNCTION WITH AN APPLICATION FOR TAX ABATEMENT IN A PREVIOUSLY DESIGNATED ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION AREA PURSUANT TO INDIANA CODE 6-1.1-12.1-7.” Vicky Gochenour introduced Ray Duty of Rightway Fasteners. He explained that because of new business with Toyota, they are in need of new machines in the amount of \$1, 100, 000.00. They are requesting tax abatement for purchase of this machinery. Paul Minnis, reporter for The Republic, asked a question about additional employees. Craig Hawes stated that the Incentive Review Committee met and found this company to be in substantial compliance. This is Rightway Fasteners ninth tax abatement. Craig Hawes moved for passage and Ann Devore seconded. Resolution passed by a vote of 7 to 0.
  - B. First reading was given to an Ordinance entitled “ORDINANCE NO.\_\_\_\_, 2004, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING MAP, A PART OF TITLE 17 (THE ZONING ORDINANCE) OF THE CODE OF LAWS OF COLUMBUS, INDIANA TO REZONE APPROXIMATELY 18,000 SQUARE FEET OF PROPERTY, LOCATED AT 803 WASHINGTON STREET IN THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, FROM B-2 (COMMUNITY BUSINESS) TO B-3 (CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT).” Roger Hunt explained that this request is to rezone property at 803 Washington Street. He stated that this was the site of a former gas station and has been vacant for a long time. A developer has an interest in placing an auto detailing business and car wash at that location. This would not be allowed under B-2. He explained that the B-3 zoning would be appropriate for downtown business. Martha Myers moved to place the Ordinance in proper channels and Ann Devore seconded. Motion passed by a vote of 7 to 0.

- C. First reading was given to an Ordinance entitled "ORDINANCE NO.\_\_\_\_, 2004, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING MAP, A PART OF TITLE 17 (THE ZONING ORDINANCE) OF THE CODE OF LAWS OF COLUMBUS, INDIANA, TO REZONE A PROPERTY OF APPROXIMATELY 3.41 ACRES, LOCATED AT 910 SOUTH MARR ROAD, FROM I-3 (HEAVY INDUSTRIAL) TO SU-1 (CHURCHES), TO ALLOW A CURRENT BUILDING AND PARKING LOT TO BE USED AS A CHURCH FACILITY." Roger Hunt explained that he recommends that this item be continued to the first meeting in March. He stated that the Little Rock Ministries has purchased a building in the Industrial Park on Marr Road and wishes to put their Church there. The Plan Commission has sent this with a negative recommendation. The Church plans to go before the BZA and request a conditional use which would allow them to have their church at that location. Mr. Hunt stated that under the present zoning they can only have an office there. The Plan Commission has expressed their concern that it is not in the best interest of the city to remove industrial property. After lengthy discussion, George Dutro moved to continue this item at the first meeting in March and Craig Hawes seconded. Mayor Armstrong called for a roll call vote and the results were as follows: Brown, aye, Devore, Nay, Dutro aye, Hawes, aye, Kittle, aye, Myers, nay, and, Tindell, aye. Motion to continue passed by a vote of 5 to 2.
- D. Reading was given to a Resolution entitled "RESOLUTION NO.4, 2004, A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS TO DESIGNATE THE USE OF CERTAIN APPROPRIATIONS IN THE 2003 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS BUDGET FOR "B" PRIORITY ITEMS." Gene Roberts and Oakel Hardy requested to release funds from "B" priority for carpet and office equipment for City Hall. The bids for this project were accepted last year but Mr. Roberts did not realize that it was necessary to get Council approval to release the funds. John Brown moved for passage and Ann Devore seconded. Resolution passed by a vote of 6 to 1 with Councilman Hawes abstaining.
- E. Other Business
- a. Committee and Liaison report were given for informational purposes. Martha Myers presented a list of Council Liaison appointments for 2004. Craig Hawes presented the appointments for the Human Rights Commission for 2004. The new appointees include Ian Kihen, Wes Roy, and Jason Staley.
  - b. Next Regular Scheduled meeting to be Tuesday, February 3, 2004.
  - c. Adjournment – Martha Myers moved to adjourn and John Brown seconded. Motion to adjourn passed by a vote of 7 to 0. Meeting adjourned at 8:55 P.M.

ATTEST:

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Presiding Officer of the Common Council

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Columbus City Clerk Treasurer